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STUDY REASONS WHY KL DID NOT WIN BID- DR MAHATHIR

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DOHA, Nov 13 (Bernama) -- Malaysia should study the reasons why Kuala Lumpur was not chosen to host the Asian Games in 2006, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

"We feel sad, we thought we will be selected but we were not," he said when asked about the selection of Qatar as the host nation for the games by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) in Pusan, South Korea yesterday.

Dr Mahathir was speaking to Malaysian journalists here last night after attending a dinner hosted by the Malaysian community in Qatar.

The Prime Minister is here to attend the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) summit which began yesterday.

In the first round voting to select the host for the Asian Games, Kuala Lumpur received 13 votes, Doha 20 and Hong Kong six.

New Delhi received two votes and was eliminated in the first round.

In the second round voting, Doha secured the necessary majority of 22 votes, KL 13 and Hong Kong six.

The results of the secret ballot were announced by OCA President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah.

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